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From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 11:07 AM
To: Ronald.L.Johnsen@uscg.mil
Cc: Noggle, William; McDaniel, Doug; Yogi, David; Maier, Brent
Subject: FW: Sale of 1942 USCG Storis for scrapping in Mexico

Hello Ronald,

I am Chris Rollins with EPA Region IX in San Francisco, CA and working with Bill Noggle of DC on the Storis investigation. I wanted to bring to your attention the fact that Mr. Ottman has raised to the GSA and the Mexican Government that the vessel may contain radioactive materials (See email below). I was wondering if you are aware of this allegation and whether you know what Mr. Ottman may be referring to on the vessel. In addition, if there are any radioactive materials on the vessel how dangerous do you expect the material to be to human health and the environment?

Lastly, I know you are currently drafting a response to some of Mr. Noggle's questions. However, I was hoping you could also respond to the question regarding whether the USCG has any additional PCB analytical data or PCB remediation reports related to the Storis that took place after the 2000 sampling event? If so, EPA would like to obtain copies of any analytical data or remediation reports you may have on the matter.

Please send all response you are developing to Mr. Noggle and send me a concurrence copy. Thanks!

c

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Rollins, Christopher
Cc: Tonya Dillard - 4QSCA; Gabriel Steinberg - LD4; Deone Mcmillan
Subject: Re: Sale of 1942 USCG Storis for scrapping in Mexico

Hello,

We want to make you aware of a very recent development regarding the Storis. We have received a call from the successful bidder of the Storis. He explained that the Storis is being held by the Mexican authority. It is suspected that Mr. Ottman and his team have reported to the Mexican authority that the vessel contains radioactive material. He is requesting a "Clean-up Report" from the Coast Guard.

Sincerely,
Heather

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On Mon, Oct 28, 2013 at 11:45 AM, Rollins, Christopher <Rollins.Christopher@epa.gov> wrote:

Tonya,

I have spoken to William Noggle on the matter and will be updating my management on the email traffic.
Thanks for the information.

c

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From: Tonya Dillard - 4QSCA [mailto:tonyar.dillard@gsa.gov]

Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 7:01 AM

To: Rollins, Christopher

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Subject: Fwd: Sale of 1942 USCG Storis for scrapping in Mexico

Mr. Rollins

I received the following email message in which the individual cc'd an EPA representative pertaining to the Coast Guard Storis.

Our office has given you the information pertaining to this vessel. Could you please update the EPA Representative William Noggle on your findings.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Polly Parks** <Polly.Parks@emrgroup.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 25, 2013 at 9:36 AM

Subject: Sale of 1942 USCG Storis for scrapping in Mexico

To: JEFF.L.BEACH@uscg.mil, TONYA.DILLARD@gsa.gov

Cc: william.noggle@epa.gov

Dear Mr. Beach and Ms. Dillard,

I noticed the article in the Stars and Stripes this a.m. about the sale by the GSA for the USCG of the UGC Storis, which was nested at the SBRF; the article states the vessel is to be scrapped in Mexico. After visiting the GSA archive website and reviewing the solicitation, while it did mention the need to clean the vessel bottom to comply with the NISA, which means in drydock in the Bay Area, it did not mention that if bought for scrap the vessel contained hazardous material and that given the age of the vessel, it is almost certain to contain PCBs that would be subject to the TSCA PCB export ban. Did the USCG or GSA apply for a PCB export waiver prior to selling the vessel or was the successful bidder informed in writing, by your agencies that the vessel was subject to the PCB export ban? If this has not happened, the owner in all probability will be in violation of the TSCA export ban if the vessel is removed from the United States. Please let me, and Mr. William Noggle at the EPA, know what the status of the vessel, and who the successful bidder, is.

<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/historic-coast-guard-cutter-headed-to-scrap-yard-1.248976#.Umpptxeby3w.email>

<http://gsaauctions.gov/gsauctions/aucdsclnk?sl=41QSCI13425001#.UmpvJ2CC8JM.email>

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